Constitutional amendment to Restore the Seniority of SC/ST Employees

*180. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government announced its resolve to bring about a constitutional amendment to restore the seniority of SCs and STs employees on promotion as it existed before issuing DOPT OM NO.20011/1/96-Estt. (D), dated the 30th January, 1997, in the Convention of SC/ST MPs on 5th December, 1999;and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the progress made in bringing about the proposed constitutional amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have since introduced in the Lok Sabha on 26.11.2001 the constitution (Ninety-Second) Amendment Bill,2001 to amend article 16(4A) of the constitution to provide for consequential seniority also in the case of promotion by virtue of rule of reservation.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Employment Generation Under CBC and other schemes

1200. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that performance of KVIC in employment generation under CBC, DSEP, BDP, Schemes was extremely poor;

(b) whether it is a fact that targets for DSEP and BDP were not achieved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that targets for employment generation under CBC scheme were also not achieved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The district special employment programme (DSEP) and Block Development Programme (BDP) were taken up mainly in the backward districts where the institutional infrastructure of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) was weak. Moreover, under the Consortium of Bank Credit